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Applicants : BENJAMIN R. HARDING ET AL.  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 15, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.